



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting  
September 24, 2025

## **PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Board of County Commissioners accepted a Recreational Trails Program grant from the State of Nevada, Division of State Parks in the amount of \$275,048.62, with a Washoe County match of \$68,762.16 for a total project cost of \$343,810.78. The funding will be used to implement Phase 1 of the Sierra Front Trail Construction project which includes approximately 7.7 miles of new non-motorized singletrack trail. This section of trail will connect from the Michael D. Thompson Trailhead to Hunter Lake Road along the Sierra Front. Staff are currently working on completing a trail construction plan to include with the bid documents for the project.
- The Board of County Commissioners accepted a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the State of Nevada, Division of State Parks in the amount of \$1,106,000 with a match of \$1,106,000.00 for a total project cost of \$2,212,000.00. Match for the grant is being provided through staff time and a donation of property value. The funding will be used to expand and improve the Swan Lake Nature Study Area located in Lemmon Valley which includes a parcel purchase, construction of a new raised boardwalk, interpretive sign replacement, and design for flood mitigation and restoration of Horse Creek. Staff are currently working on finalizing a purchase and sale agreement to complete the proposed parcel purchase.
- The Board of County Commissioners approved a Grant of Access and Utility Easement between Washoe County (grantor) and New Cingular Wireless PCS, Limited Liability Company (grantee), a public utility, to expire on December 31, 2050 unless otherwise extended, totaling ±48,865 square feet on Washoe County's Galena Terrace Open Space, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 144-010-22 [for the appraised value of \$4,243.00] in support of enhancing regional cellular coverage. this easement will allow fiber optic infrastructure to service an AT&T cellular monopole facility planned at a landlocked Truckee Meadows Water Authority water tank parcel, APN 144-010-23.
- A contract was awarded to Dirt & Diesel LLC to complete improvements on the Highland Loop Trail at Hidden Valley Regional Park and construction has started. Three additional trail kiosk structures were installed at Hidden Valley Regional Park, and staff are currently working on updating trail maps for panel fabrication. Additional wayfinding signage is planned for installation throughout the park. This project is funded through a Recreational Trails Program grant.
- A new trail kiosk was installed at the junction of the Evans Canyon and Nature Loop Trails at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. Two temporary trail bridges were installed at



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Galena Creek Regional Park and the Lower Whites Creek Trail. A trail bridge was rebuilt with new bridge decking at Davis Creek Regional Park.

- Staff worked with the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) to update existing trail databases under the Truckee Meadows Trails Plan. The next step is to update the planned/proposed trail database under the Plan.
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised for the Lazy 5 Regional Park Master Plan Update with submittals due on September 18, 2025. Staff anticipate awarding a consultant contract in October 2025.